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REV. COFFIN INTERVIEWED

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GUESTS: Rev. George R. Davis, Minister of National City Christain Church

Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr., Chaplin and pastor of Church of  
Christ at Yale University

(They are discussing our position in Vietnam)

REV. DAVIS: "I think you're not aware of the profound threat we -- Cuba, Africa -- look, Cuba, Africa, anywhere you look, including the Middle East, there is the threat of Communism -- Russia, Red China, beyond any question. I think it's very definite. We ought to know that by now."

REV. COFFIN: "I have been three years an agent for the CIA, and I think I'm well aware of the dangers of Communism. But I refuse to have my mind paralyzed to such a point that I can't differentiate between North Vietnamese pink, and Chinese pink, which is very different, when you do your homework, and Russian pink, and Yugoslavian pink, and Rumanian pink, and Polish pink, and Castro's pink. And nationalism is a very important thing."

"I think the thing that is vexing the Americans more than anything else is the kind of rhetoric that you represent, Dr. Davis, saying Communist this, Communist that, not really nailing down point after point, to what degree is there a threat here, to what degree is nationalism as important a sentiment as Communism."